## **CLAIMS**

| 1 | 1. A method for error processing and reporting during validation of a business        |
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| 2 | document in a client-server environment, the method including:                        |
| 3 | accessing a first self-describing, structured document having a document type;        |
| 4 | validating the first document against a schema corresponding to the document          |
| 5 | type;   |
| 6 | generating a second self-describing, structured document including, for any           |
| 7 | detected errors,  |
| 8 | at least one error identifier; and  |
| 9 | a path specification identifying a node within the primary document                   |
| 0 | corresponding to the detected error;  |
| 1 | applying a declarative transformation to the first and second documents,              |
| 2 | producing a user interface character string, including a plurality of                 |
| 3 | path specifications for nodes in the first document; and                              |
| 4 | values for nodes in the first document; and   |
| 5 | at least one error message corresponding to the at least one error identifier; and    |
| 6 | transmitting the user interface character string.                                     |
| 1 | 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the schema is compliant with any version of         |
| 2 | a SOX standard.   |
| 1 | 3. The method of claim 2, further including validating the first document against     |
| 2 | a set of business processing rules and generating a third self-describing, structured |
| 3 | document, wherein the declarative transformation is further applied to the third      |
| 4 | document.   |

| 1  | 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the declarative transformation is compliant       |
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| 2  | with an XSLT standard.  |
| 1  | 5. The method of claim 3, wherein the declarative transformation is compliant       |
| 2  | with an XSLT standard.  |
| 1  | 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the user interface character string is            |
| 2  | compliant with an HTML standard.  |
| 1  | 7. The method of claim 3, wherein the user interface character string is            |
| 2  | compliant with an HTML standard.  |
| 1  | 8. The method of claim 5, wherein the user interface character string is            |
| 2  | compliant with an HTML standard.  |
| 1  | 9. The method of claim 1, wherein the user interface character string is            |
| 2  | compliant with an XML standard.   |
| 1  | 10. The method of claim 3, wherein the user interface character string is           |
| 2  | compliant with an XML standard.   |
| 1  | 11. The method of claim 5, wherein the user interface character string is           |
| 2  | compliant with an XML standard.   |
| 3  | 12. A method for error processing and reporting during validation of a business     |
| 2  | document in a client-server environment, the method including:                      |
| 3  | accessing a first self-describing, structured document having a document type;      |
| 4  | validating the first document against a set of business processing rules applicable |
| 5  | to the document type and an intended recipient of the first document;               |
| 6  | generating a second self-describing, structured document including, for any         |
| 7  | detected errors,  |
| 8  | at least one error identifier; and  |
| 9  | a path specification identifying a node within the primary document                 |
| 10 | corresponding to the detected error;  |

| 11 | applying a declarative transformation to the first and second documents,           |
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| 12 | producing a user interface character string, including a plurality of              |
| 13 | path specifications for nodes in the first document; and                           |
| 14 | values for nodes in the first document; and  |
| 15 | at least one error message corresponding to the at least one error identifier; and |
| 16 | transmitting the user interface character string.                                  |
| 1  | 13. The method of claim 12, wherein the business processing rules are              |
| 2  | Schematron-compliant.  |
| 1  | 14. The method of claim 12, wherein the declarative transformation is complian     |
| 2  | with an XSLT standard.   |
| 1  | 15. The method of claim 13, wherein the declarative transformation is complian     |
| 2  | with an XSLT standard.   |
| 1  | 16. The method of claim 12, wherein the user interface character string is         |
| 2  | compliant with an HTML standard.   |
| 1  | 17. The method of claim 13, wherein the user interface character string is         |
| 2  | compliant with an HTML standard.   |
| 1  | 18. The method of claim 15, wherein the user interface character string is         |
| 2  | compliant with an HTML standard.   |
| 1  | 19. The method of claim 12, wherein the user interface character string is         |
| 2  | compliant with an XML standard.  |
| 1  | 20. The method of claim 13, wherein the user interface character string is         |
| 2  | compliant with an XML standard.  |
| 1  | 21. The method of claim 15, wherein the user interface character string is         |
| 2  | compliant with an XML standard.  |
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